

SHINKIN's Misfortune :

Or, The Poor *Welsh* Taylor Kidnap't for stealing a Goose, Leek, and a Cock-Gelding.
To the Tune of *Teague and Sawney* : or, *Lilliburlero*. Licensed according to Order.



SHINKIN ap Rhone was rob a creet house,
On the Border of Wales, on St. Taffy's day,
Was steel a Cock-Gelding, green Leek, an a Cose,
and then on a Goat was scamper away :
A Hue-and-cry, through the Country did fly,
whilst Shinkin spur'd on hur Goat with a pish ;
The Mountains were high, and no Houses were nigh
but at last hur got ober, and came to an Inn.

Landlord, said he, put up hur *Welsh* Bag,
for hur has rid hard for fear of hur Life ;
And take out hur Cose and hur Leek from hur Bag,
hur will eat the Cock-Gelding at home with hur wife.
Roast hur Cose, and pople hur Leek,
and gibe hur a flaggon or two of hur Ale ;
Nick hur oth' head, for fear hur should squeak,
and then hur is sure hur cannot tell Tale.

Cose plutter a-nails, when we did meet,
Cock and Leek hur flutter'd, and Cose did roar ;

hur made a dam noise all ober the street,
hur thought they did call hur a Son of a Whore :
But night was dark, and Shinkin nimble,
Cock-gelding and Cose did roar in vain,
hur drowned their noise with hur *Podkin* & *Thimble*;
if hur had been taken, hur would have been slain.

The Cook was call, and Fire was made,
the Pot and the Spit were brought to the fire,
Leeks were put in, and the Cose was laid
to roast, according to Shinkin's Desire ;
But long before the Meat was dyest,
a Constable came with a Staff in his hand,
for Felony he did pow Shinkin Arrest,
and told him that he must obey his Command.

Cots plur, quoth he, Sir this cannot be,
for hur and hur Bag are just but come in ;
And you are come hither without one I see,
and you are quite dry, and we're wet toth' skin :

Cots plutter-a-nasss, if any in Wales,
was tell hur that Shinkin ap Shone's a Thief,
Was cut off hur ears wth a pair of hur Shears,
and send hur to England to peg Relief.

The Constable whistle, and Peables came in,
and hurry'd poor Shinkin to a Shustice of Peace :
Then sorrowfull Shinkin did leave off his din,
when the Constables charg'd him wth stealing of Geese,
'Twas ask'd how he came by the Goose in his Sack,
he said, he would tell them the Naked Truth,
An't please hur, said he, hur hung Sack at hur back,
'twas cold, an the Goose crept in at the Mouth.

At Shrovetide hur went to a neighb'ring Town,
wth hur Yard hur knock'd Cock-Gelding down ;
hur aim'd at hur back, and hit hur o'th' crown,
hur's a Shentleman Taylor of great Renown.
A Rampant Goose hur has for hur Coat,
a bunch of Leeks is Shinkin's Crest ;
hur did ill to pull poor Shinkin by Throat,
sure hur do's come wth a false Arrest.

But Shinkin alas ! was sent to Gaol,
For the Justice insisted on very good Bail ;
And he was Indicted at Sessions for Theft,
Tho' the Goose at the fire, in the Inn was left.
God Mr. Shustice, shinkin did cry,
was hur take hur Goose, an let hur alone,
Hur Goose for a Goose that dares venture to dye ;
if hur please, the Goose hur will disown

But Shinkin was ty'd, an whipt at a Post,
and lost his Goose and Cock-Gelding to boot ;
his Coat that he rode on, fell to his Host :
for he had not a penny of money, I doubt.
Then Shinkin curst, by St. Taffy he swore,
he never was hurt for stealing a Shred,
he would steal in his shop, but never once more
his Paunch wth Cock-Gelding or Goose should be fed.

hur will neither steal Goose, Cock-gelding, nor Bait,
hur may venture for Cabbage to play the Thief ;
If hur Father stood by, hur wou'd snipp a piece ;
But warr Cock-gelding, warr Leak, and warr Geese :
If Linnen or Woollen come once in hur way,
hur will have a piece by night or by day ;
If it be but as much as a Button will make,
hur will a small piece from the Remnant take.

